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 GIBSON, Paul et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3679  
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 For: CONNECTORS FOR ARTICULATED )  
 TRACKS FOR VEHICLES AND TRACKS )  
 AND TRACK COMPONENTS INCLUDING )  
 SUCH CONNECTORS )

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

The *Office Action*, from Examiner Joshua T. Kennedy of Art Unit 3679, dated 17 March 2006, has been received and carefully reviewed. In response thereto, Applicant clarifies the patentable distinctions between the cited prior art and the present invention, and respectfully submits that the cited references neither teach nor suggest the present invention.